

PATENT

Atty. Dkt. No. 2685/5226 (ATT 111053CON)

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are unpatentable under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-28 UNDER NON-STATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING

The Examiner rejected claims 1- 28 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,002,677. In response, the Applicants herein file a terminal disclaimer to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection. As such, the Applicants respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of these claims now fully satisfy the requirements for patentability. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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